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AN ACT relating to military affairs.

WHEREAS, the War of 1812, in the Old Northwest Territory, was fought in large part by Kentucky militiamen, predecessors of today's Kentucky National Guard; and

WHEREAS, during the War of 1812, Kentucky furnished a total of 40 regiments of volunteer militia, as well as a number of battalions and separate companies, totaling more than 25,000 men; and

WHEREAS, these brave men who served their nation deserve to have their service and sacrifice remembered; and

WHEREAS, Americans killed in action during the war totaled 2,260, of which approximately 1,200 were from Kentucky and many of their remains were never recovered nor their final resting places properly marked; and

WHEREAS, not only did Kentucky provide the bulk of men who fought the war, but Kentucky caves, Mammoth Cave in particular, were nearly the only source of nitrate used to make gunpowder for the war after England placed an embargo on the United States at the outbreak of the war; and

WHEREAS, June 1, 2012, will mark the 200th Anniversary of the declaration of war that officially began the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, efforts are underway in the United States Congress, in several states, and in Canada to plan for the commemoration of the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Commonwealth of Kentucky to plan and carry out its own commemoration of the War of 1812, and to coordinate those activities with those of the federal government;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

1 ➔ SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 171 IS CREATED TO
2 READ AS FOLLOWS:

3 **(1) There is created the Commonwealth of Kentucky War of 1812 Bicentennial**

1 Commission, which shall be attached to the Kentucky Historical Society for
 2 administrative purposes.

3 (2) The Commonwealth of Kentucky War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission shall be
 4 composed of eighteen (18) members, as follows:

5 (a) Two (2) members of the Kentucky House of Representatives, appointed by
 6 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

7 (b) Two (2) members of the Kentucky Senate, appointed by the President of the
 8 Kentucky Senate;

9 (c) The adjutant general, or the adjutant general's designee;

10 (d) The secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, or the
 11 secretary's designee;

12 (e) The secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, or the secretary's
 13 designee;

14 (f) Two (2) members from the Kentucky Historical Society, appointed by the
 15 director of that agency;

16 (g) Three (3) members from the Kentucky Heritage Council, appointed by the
 17 executive director of that agency, including at least one (1) member each
 18 from the Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission and the
 19 Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission;

20 (h) One (1) member from the Kentucky Humanities Council, appointed by the
 21 executive director of that agency; and

22 (i) Five (5) citizen members from the state at large with a demonstrated interest
 23 in history and substantial knowledge and appreciation of the War of 1812,
 24 appointed by the Governor.

25 (3) The chair of the commission shall be elected by the members of the commission.

26 (4) The first meeting of the commission shall be held no later than July 31, 2010.

27 (5) The commission may create an advisory board of persons with a demonstrated

1 interest in various aspects of the War of 1812.

2 (6) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

3 (7) The Commonwealth of Kentucky War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission shall
4 expire on January 31, 2015.

5 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 171 IS CREATED TO
6 READ AS FOLLOWS:

7 The Commonwealth of Kentucky War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission may:

8 (1) Study and recommend activities that may be carried out by the Commonwealth to
9 honor the Kentuckians that served in the War of 1812;

10 (2) Educate Kentucky residents and the nation about Kentucky's role in the War of
11 1812;

12 (3) Disseminate information to local governments and organizations that may help
13 them with planning, preparation, and grant applications for bicentennial events
14 and projects;

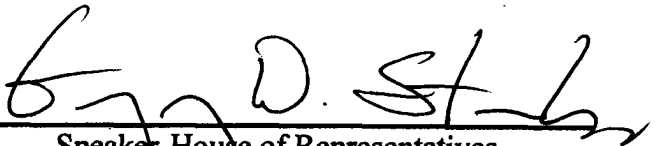
15 (4) Assist in federal, state, and local bicentennial activities occurring in Kentucky;

16 (5) Plan and implement appropriate events, including celebrations and educational
17 initiatives, to commemorate the bicentennial;

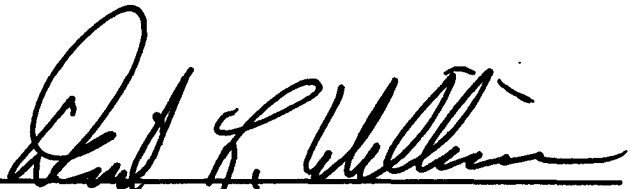
18 (6) Perform other duties as necessary to highlight Kentucky's role in the War of
19 1812;

20 (7) Cooperate with the governments of the United States, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio,
21 Michigan, Louisiana, and Ontario, Canada and other states and countries
22 commemorating the War of 1812 Bicentennial as resources allow; and

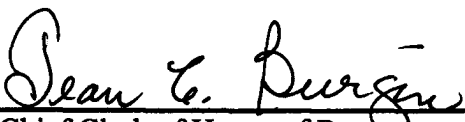
23 (8) Seek federal grants and philanthropic support for bicentennial activities when
24 possible.



Speaker-House of Representatives



President of Senate

Attest: 

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved 

Governor

Date 

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